

Media Release

Thursday 4 and Friday 5 August 2021

2021 LGAT Annual Conference – local solutions for local communities

The 109th LGAT Annual Conference sponsored by MAV Insurance will be held on Thursday the 5th and Friday the 6th of August at Wrest Point. Our Conference theme this year is ‘local solutions for local communities’, recognising the importance of place and harnessing local opportunities to support communities.

LGAT President Mayor Christina Holmdahl said:

“I look forward to warmly welcoming delegates to this year’s LGAT Conference. It is fantastic to be coming together under one roof as a sector, despite covid challenges.

Mayor Holmdahl continued:

“We learned in 2020 just how much our communities rely on councils to provide leadership and support both in a crisis and also through recovery”.

“Importantly, we also learned that it is local knowledge and solutions that deliver what our communities need for future. This is what we are all here together at the 2021 LGAT Conference to celebrate” said Mayor Holmdahl.

Day One of the Conference Program includes the LGAT General Meeting. This is an important meeting for the year, where motions are debated on issues of importance to the local government sector and the communities we represent. The Agenda is available at <https://www.lgat.tas.gov.au/events/meetings>

The LGAT Conference Program commences at 2.00pm on Thursday 5 August. Highlights of the Program include:

- Keynote address: Dale Williams, Carterton District Councillor from New Zealand speaking about solutions to address skills and labour shortages in local communities.
- Local Solutions symposium with Dr Verity Cleland and Dr Kim Jose from the University of Tasmania discussing walkability in rural communities and Owen Tilbury, President of the Great Regional City Challenge, presenting on mobilising community at scale.
- Plenary Sessions will be delivered by Todd Babiak from Brand Tasmania, Councillor Linda Scott President of the Australian Local Government Association and Professor David Adams, University of Tasmania.



Our [Conference Program](#) also includes workshops on good governance and creating collective impact, our Spirit Super Women in Local Government networking event and the LGAT Annual Conference Dinner sponsored by the Commonwealth Bank.

“Our Conference would not be possible without the generous support of our Sponsors and Trade Exhibitors, who I would like to sincerely thank for their support of local government in Tasmania” Mayor Holmdahl said.

Media are invited to attend our conference. Please check in and collect a Media Pass from the Conference Reception Desk on arrival (registration not necessary).

Enquiries regarding media for the LGAT General Meeting and Day One of the Program can be directed to Keryn Nylander on 0418996 536

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